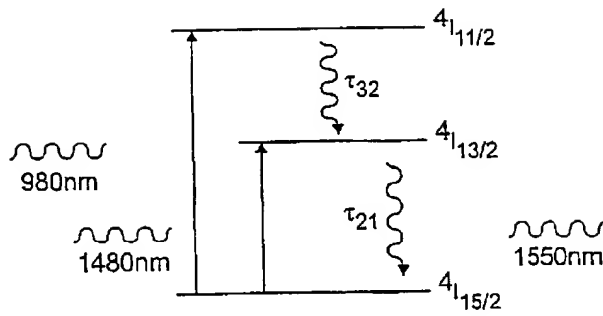


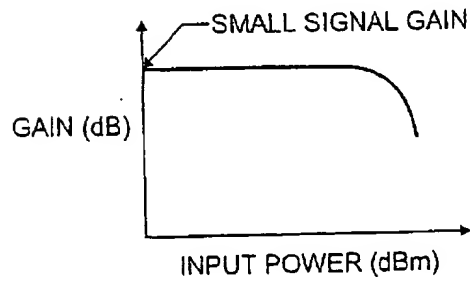
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RELEVANT ENERGY LEVELS OF ERBIUM IONS

**FIG. 1**

PRIOR ART



GAIN OF AN EDFA AS A  
FUNCTION OF INPUT SIGNAL POWER

**FIG. 2**

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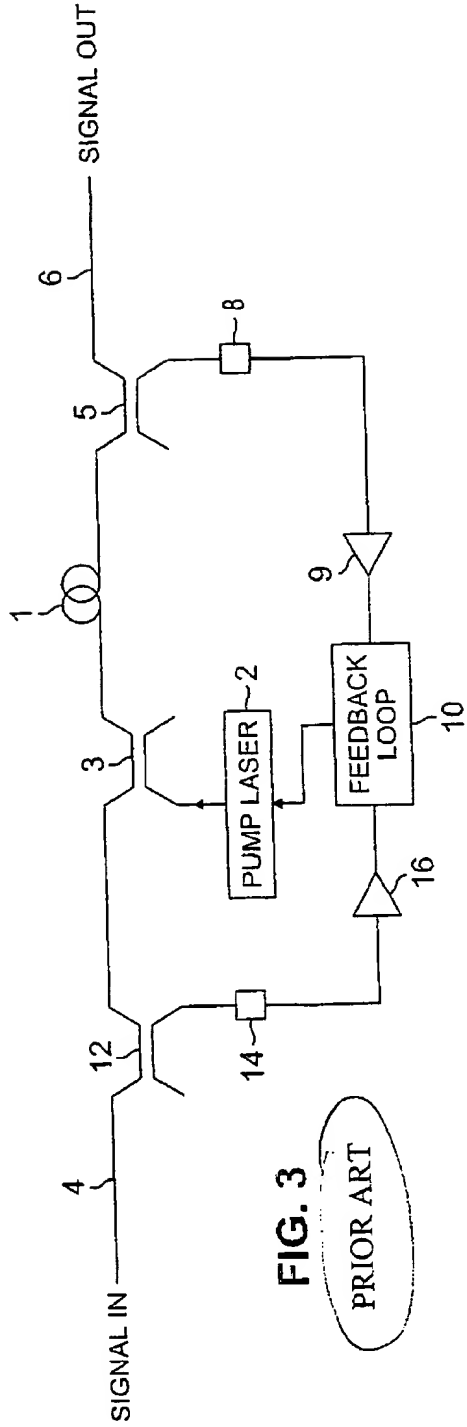


FIG. 3

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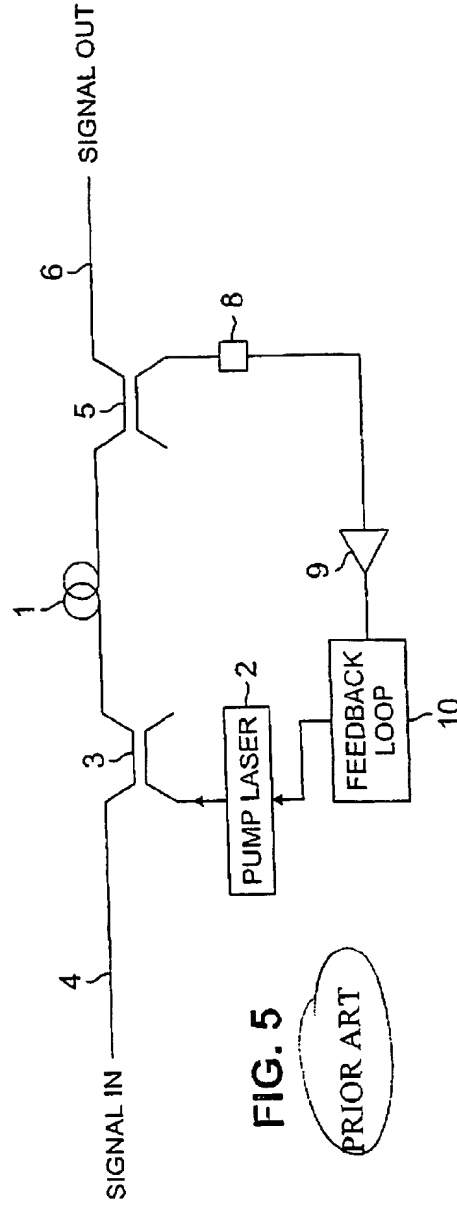


FIG. 5

PRIOR ART

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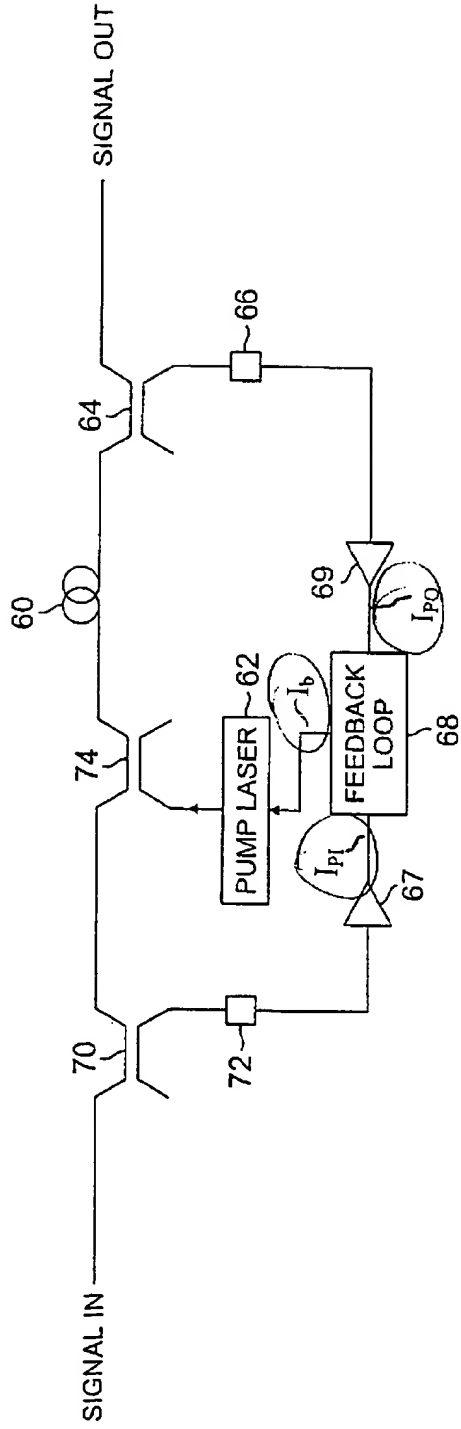


FIG. 7